

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – August 10	Next Sunday – August 17
LITURGIST:	David Johnson	Ross Mecham
USHERS:	Betty Semones & Tina Martin	Diann Eaton & Joe Cox
ACOLYTES:	Isaac Johnson	Ezra Arthur
SECURITY TEAM:	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell
ALTAR TEAM:	Mike & Sherri Derflinger	Mike & Sherri Derflinger

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Aug 10	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service – Christian Education Sunday	10:00AM
	with Luncheon after Worship	
	Deadline for Picnic Attendance	
Mon, Aug 11	Staff Meeting, Spare Office	9:00AM
Tues, Aug 12	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:30PM
Wed, Aug 13	MCPS First Day of School	
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:30PM
Fri, Aug 15	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders	10:00AM-12:00PM

Next Week		
Sun, Aug 17	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
	Picnic Planning Meeting, JOY Classroom	After Worship
Mon, Aug 18	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Church Council, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Tues, Aug 19	Lions Club of Christiansburg, AB	6:30PM-8:30PM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Aug 20	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:30PM
Sat, Aug 23	Church Picnic Potluck Party!	5:00PM-9:00PM

Worship Attendance August 3, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
64	7	10	55	136

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# Saint Paul United Methodist Church

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https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA

**St Paul envisions**  
**“Growing into a most Vibrant, Joyful Christian Community,**  
**Unified in Loving Service to our Neighbors, for the Glory of God.”**  
--Vision Statement, approved by Church Council, 2018–

**Season: Pentecost**  
**Education Sunday**

**August 10, 2025** **Ten O’Clock**

Please ask an usher for assistance for handicap access.  
Please turn your cell phone off or mute during worship.

**\*Please stand for these acts of worship as you are able.**

Welcome! God bless you now and always.

## Gathering & Prelude

**“Under His Wing”**

by Don Wyrzten

**“Op.68, No.10”**

by Robert Schumann

**“My Hope Is Built”**

by William Bradbury, arr. by John Innes

## Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

## \*Opening Unison Prayer

Liturgist David Johnson

Almighty God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for this new day and the opportunity to gather in your name in-person and virtually. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill this place with your presence and move in our minds and hearts and among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

## \*Songs

**♫174 “His Name is Wonderful”**  
**“I Love You, Lord”**

Liturgist David Johnson

## \*The Apostles’ Creed 881

**Traditional Version**

Liturgist David Johnson

## Instrumental

**“Trusting In Him”**

by Don Wyrzten and based on tunes:

“Day By Day” by Oscar Ahnfelt and “Lead Me, Savior” by Frank M. Davis

Camp Alta Mons Kids Sing Camp Songs

Led by George Rust

Blessing of Backpacks

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Gracious God, we lift these students to You. They are here ready to receive your blessings as they begin a new school year! And so we ask your blessing on each of them. We pray for a school year full of courage, kindness, and positive learning experiences and environments in school and at home.

And, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. There will be days when they are light, and days when they are heavy! They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them with love and prayers each school day! We do pray all of this in the holy and loving name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ministry Minute

Annual Church Picnic

Greg Journey

Announcements and Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer for Parents

Liturgist David Johnson

God, this prayer is for me and our family. Our children begin another year of school. I ask You to give me grace and patience to guide my interactions with teachers, support staff, and other parents. I want my words, my actions, and our family to reflect Your love and be honoring to You.

*Individual, silent prayers.*

**Words of Assurance**

After each petition, all respond: *Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Song

*“I Sing Praises to Your Name”*

Liturgist David Johnson

Scripture

Psalm 32:8

Liturgist David Johnson

Blessing of School Teachers, Operational and Support Staff

Pastor Mike Derflinger

We are so thankful for you: our teachers, administrators, and support staff in our school environments. May this new academic year refresh and reawaken you to how valuable you are. We pray that God will bless you with strength and endurance, particularly in these busy first few weeks. Please be reminded that this congregation embraces your call and your gifts, and will surround you with love and care as well.

Song

♫277 *“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”, vv.1,2*

Liturgist David Johnson

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16

Liturgist David Johnson

Blessing of Our Children’s Church Workers

Pastor Mike Derflinger

We are so grateful for the ways you give your time, energy, and devotion to teaching and caring for the children in Children’s Church! Your ministry helps our kids grow in the Lord, and gives parents the chance to worship God and refresh their spirit. We bless

you! Please continue to nurture your personal walk with Christ so you effectively teach and guide our children in God’s ways.

Song

*“As the Deer”*

Liturgist David Johnson

Scripture

Matthew 7:12

Liturgist David Johnson

Blessing of VBS Staff and Sunday School Teachers

Pastor Mike Derflinger

We appreciate your commitment and love for serving as Sunday School teachers and back-ups, and in our community Vacation Bible School. You touch our hearts and see the needs around us and meet them by using your gifts. We bless you for your efforts and hope that your loving service has brought, and will bring you fulfillment and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist David Johnson

Gracious God, You are the Giver of all good things, the source of wisdom and understanding. Please receive our gifts and gratitude is for your abundant blessings, the gift of knowledge, the joy of learning, and the opportunity to grow in your grace educationally and spiritually. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Offertory

*“More Love To Thee”*

by William H. Doane, arr. by Van Denman Thompson

**\*Doxology**

**\*Closing Chorus**

*“My Life Is In You, Lord”*

**\*Blessing of Our Meal**

**\*Postlude**

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Traditional American Melody, 1813

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

the Stralrund Gesangbuch, 1665

*“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”*

Netherlands Folk Song arr. by Edward Kremser

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*If you are new to St. Paul, please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad in the pew. How may we serve you? Check the boxes which apply to you and leave it in the pew, and leave us a best contact phone and email. Thank you.*

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**You can schedule a visit with Pastor Mike in your home or in the church office. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Mike to arrange a visit. Phone call visits can also be scheduled for your convenience.**

Stewardship Campaign for 2025

36 families in 37 households comprising 56 people for a total of \$176,944.  
If you have not turned in your Estimate of Giving Card, please do so. Thank you.

August Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR AUGUST \$29,379. We have five Sundays in August.  
August Offering Counters: Doris Elliott, Wayne Bishop

<u>TOTAL JULY STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>08/03</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$6,025	\$6,025
General Fund – Online Giving	\$541.69	\$541.69

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>08/03</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$285	\$285
UWF-Homeless Children	\$200	\$200
Baby Shop	\$110	\$110

To give an offering, you may place your gift in one of the offering plates located at the front of the sanctuary, or in the narthex (entrance). You can also mail it to the church office, or give online.  
We invite you to use the offering envelopes in the pew. God bless you!

PRAYER LIST – Team Luke is our Caring Team this week

SPUMC Congregation, *friends, family members and neighbors*

**Cancer Patients:** Tommy Flinchum, Shirley Hodge, Dale Nelson, Gary Sparks  
*Roger Adkins, Loran Albin, Elaine Allen, Rob Bedford, Stephanie Boyd, Jennifer Canevari, Tina Cooper, Jamie Epperly, Ruth Jones, Fran Kreider, Danny Lucas, Dana Nelson, Cathy Parsons, Billy Proffitt*

**Health Issues:** Dubby & Vickie Charlton, Jim Clark, Scottie Dickenson, Anna Lee Lawrence, Jim & Iris Simpkins, Bill & Peggy Streich, Jim Williamson  
*Sherry Burke, the family of Jean & Tommy Dalton, Rob Holland, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and his wife Julie, Hetty Knowles, Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Stephanie Turner, Mary & Don Wiggett, Sue Williams*

**Praises:**  
*David Marchi, Tom Marchi’s brother, has been declared cancer free;*  
*Carl Makariak had bypass surgery Friday a week and is home and doing very well*

**High Risk Pregnancy:** Becca King-Mallory (2wks to go), Tara Underwood (2 1/2 mths to go)

**Anticipating Surgery:** Ed Hayes (bladder), Sandra Hayes (thymus), Nancy Mattox 8/18

**Recuperating from Surgery at Home:** Faye Chrisman, Jordan McCoy

**Hospitalized:**  
*Bill Knowles, UVA*

**Youth & Children:** Brody Nelson  
*Asa, 1, and brother Abram, 5; Cam, 16, stage 4 bone cancer, one leg amputated;*  
*Claire Shores, 3, leukemia*

**Grieving:** Family and friends of Vicki Baker who passed Friday a week ago from breast cancer.

**National:** victims, families of the Texas flooding at Camp Mystic and Kerr County.

*If you wish to place someone on the prayer list for prayer only, please contact the church office, or write their name on the attendance pad with “prayer” after their name. If a person would like to receive ministry from our caring teams (cards, phone calls, visits, food, etc.) please list an address/phone number for our caring teams. Thank you!*

**Birthday Celebrations this week** – Peter Hayes on August 10<sup>th</sup>; Tabitha Rust on August 12<sup>th</sup>; Darby Mitchell on August 13<sup>th</sup>; Marjorie Modlin and Melodee Wade on August 14<sup>th</sup>; Carolyn Bucklen, Kevin Lawson and Ashley Light on August 15<sup>th</sup>; Brian DeHart and Sylvia Duckett on August 16<sup>th</sup>.  
***Happy Birthday to all!***

**There will be a final Picnic Planning Meeting next Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> following worship.**  
**Questions, contact Greg Journey 540-449-7679**

**Please remember our members in assisted living:**

Hassell Boothe, rm. 210, Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center,  
4550 Shenandoah Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Wayne & Dolores Brockenbrough, Apt.217, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr.,  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Susan Chase, rm.106, Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct.,  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Kathy Davis, 328 Fieldstone Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540-250-2163 - mail cards to Rachel Link, 1534 Catawba Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060)

Wanda Garrison, Apt. 243, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Marg Modlin, The Oaks Assisted Living rm 201, 3706 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Wilma Snuffer, Q6, 3939 Daugherty Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Margaret Woolwine, rm 235, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr.,  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Roger & Brenda Woolwine, Manchester Commons – Woodside Place,  
6351 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505 (Brenda’s Cell Number: 540-320-0986)

**Temporary, Receiving PT**

Ruth Boothe, Rm 308, Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln.,  
Blacksburg, VA 24060, Cell: 919-907-5097

Margaret Chafin, The Glebe Health Services Building Rm 2108, Salem, VA, please send all cards  
to her home address, P.O. Box 1312, Christiansburg, VA 24068

**And our dear friends and neighbors:**

Former Pastor: Rev. Art & Willie Wingfield, 650 N Jefferson St., Apt. 218,  
Roanoke, VA 24016

Mary Childress, Rm 113, Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct.,  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

**Thank you St. Paul!** Your generosity has helped our UWF collect \$1,220 for homeless children in our community. These funds will go toward supplying them with whatever they need to begin the school year positively. What a gift to these youngsters!

**Please consider serving your St Paul family by participating in the Chancel Choir.**

This is a great decision to make for your fellow members because you will be sharing God’s Word through music. You will also enjoy fellowship by becoming a part of a loving group of people. Your worship offered through music will speak to you in ways words only cannot always reach.

You don’t need to be the best singer. God’s message is “make a joyful noise”. You don’t need to be present all the time. It is come join us when you can. You don’t have to even read music. The anthems are online for you to tune in and listen to them. Please figure out a way to give us a try. We welcome YOU. **Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:15 p.m. in the Chancel Choir room on first floor.** I hope to see you there. ~ Carolyn Mills

**Blessing Box Important Update**

Please continue to donate soups, canned meat, canned diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, canned fruits and vegetables, and canned proteins like tuna, chicken, and Vienna sausage. Please make sure all canned items have a pull tab and do NOT require a can opener. Please place donations directly into the Blessing Box or in the box on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach mission that serves our community members in need.

**On July 4, 2025**, historic rain levels led to catastrophic flash flooding along the Guadalupe River in Central Texas. As of July 31, at least 135 people have died. In response, UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee **On Relief**) has awarded a solidarity grant to the Rio Texas Annual Conference to provide immediate relief and support. ***If you would like to participate, please make your check out to St. Paul UMC, and write “Camp Mystic Advance #901670” on the memo line.*** You can also go to [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org), scroll down and click on the blue ‘U.S. Disaster Response’, and on the next page scroll down and click on the blue ‘learn more’. Thanks to Rev. Doug Kanney for bringing this to our attention.

**Are your friends or family looking for a great space to host their next event or meeting?**

Our church’s activities building offers a spacious, well-maintained venue at a very reasonable price, making it an excellent alternative to other rental options in the area. Whether they are planning a family gathering, community event, or business meeting, the building provides a welcoming atmosphere and convenient amenities to suit their needs. Not only will they get great value for their money, but they will also be supporting a local church that strives to serve and support the community. We highly recommend you consider referring our activities building for your friends and family's next event—it’s a great choice for both their budget and their experience! Please contact the church office for the facility use agreement.

~ The Stewardship Committee

# St. Paul Picnic 2025

August 23, 2025 5:00PM-9:00PM

RSVP to the Church Office by August 10<sup>th</sup>, your attendance and potluck items.

You can either email the office at [office@stpaulvaumc.org](mailto:office@stpaulvaumc.org), call the office at 540-382-2410

Or fill this out and leave in the offering plate.

We ask that enough is prepared for a minimum of 20 people. If you are bringing hamburgers or hotdogs that need to be grilled, please plan to be at the church by 4:15 so our grill team can get started with cooking. For all the other food items that are being prepared at home please plan to be at the church by 4:30 so we have time to align the tables with the food.

<u>Picnic Meal</u>	
<u>Last Names Starting With:</u>	<u>What to Bring:</u>
A - J	Hamburgers or Hot Dogs & Rolls
K - Q	Sides, Salads, Condiments/Fixings
R - Z	Desserts
Ice and Beverages are being provided by the Frank Wickam SS Class	
<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Family Name/How Many Attending</u>	<u>What You Are Bringing</u>

S’mores ingredients have been gifted. **We ask you to bring S’more sticks.** If you’re thinking “I’m not a cook” or this or that, there are other ways to offer help and your gifts. Maybe buying a couple watermelons is easier or one small thing of firewood. Monetary gifts may be a way to participate. **We do need help with setting up and taking down, this is a BIG help.**

## 2025 Annual Conference Offering -- Gifts received up to September 12

Each year, in conjunction with the Annual Conference sessions a special, Conference-wide offering is taken up. Some recurring and some special initiatives are designated to receive or benefit from the financial gifts. This year the offering will be split equally between two initiatives.

### (1) Disaster Response Within and Beyond the VAUMC

Half of the Annual Conference Offering will go to support the work of disaster response in different geographical locations recently affected by disasters: the Western North Carolina Conference in the wake of Hurricane Helene, the Cal-Pac Conference after the LA wildfires, along with supporting the mobilization and response efforts from within the VAUMC. This portion of the Annual Conference Offering will remain available to help support and faithfully respond within the United Methodist connection when the next disaster strikes.

### (2) Partnerships of Hope

Partnerships of Hope is one of the ways we live into our worldwide connection as United Methodists. Partnering with people and organizations based in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, Vietnam, and Native American Ministries, we seek to respond to the needs of these communities along with engaging a space of mutual learning and resource sharing, recognizing that we are better and stronger when we work together rather than apart. The other half of our Annual Conference offering will go to support these efforts abroad.

Typically, our congregation takes up a collection in advance of the Conference sessions and our gift is given at the designated worship service. We did not receive gifts in advance of Conference this year. Therefore, as noted in our August newsletter, the September Communion offering on September 7 will be given on behalf of all of us, to the Conference offering. For your convenience, gifts to this offering may be given any time before September 7 and up to September 12 by marking your check or envelope with “Ann. Conf.” or just “AC” and putting it in an offering plate or mailing it to/dropping it off at the Church office during the above days.

## **Education Sunday August 10, 2025**

*We want to let you know of the fine teaching and helping which goes on at St. Paul and in our community. Thanks for each person and for those who are teaching us every day.  
God Bless each one of you!*

**Camp Alta Mons Kids:** Daphne Arthur, Ezra Arthur, Nolan Arthur, Ellie Johnson, Isaac Johnson, Rosie Mallory, Henry Rust.

**County and City Schoolteachers:** Laura Kegley, Physical Education FBES; Heather McClagherty, Music CPS; Dale Nelson, Health and Physical Education CHS; Elliott Petry, Math, Performing Arts SHS; Brian Porter, Social Studies CHS

### **University Faculty, Administration and Support Staff:**

Meagan Arthur, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Nursing/Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at Radford University

Tom Bell, Assistant Chair for Research, Dept. of Chemistry at Va. Tech

Riane Bolin, Chair of the Criminal Justice Dept./Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Radford University

Claire Childress, Director, Career Pathways and College Relations, Career and Professional Development at Va. Tech

Sherri Derflinger, Administrative and Support Staff, National Security Institute at Va. Tech

Diann Eaton, Co-Director of Training and Technical Assistance Center at Va. Tech.

Becky Michael, Administrative Support to Faculty and Human Resources, School of Animal Sciences at Va. Tech

Stephanie Nelson, Undergraduate Advising Director, Dept. of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise at Va. Tech

David “Pepper” Sciarretta, Operations Support Supervisor at Va. Tech

Lou Ann Thompson, Art Education, Art Department at Radford University

**Children’s Church Lead Teachers:** Meagan Arthur, Claire Childress, Diann Eaton, Penny Kanney, and Lou Ann Thompson.

**Children’s Church Helpers:** Elaine Clark, Jane Collins, Becky Michael, Sabrina Porter, Ann Rhudy, Mary Sherman, and Patsy Sparks

**Sunday School teachers and facilitators:** Children, Ashley Johnson; Youth, Elliott Petry; Adults, Tom Bell, Ruth Gregory, Doug Kanney, Rusty McCoy, Ross Mecham, and Greg Journey

**2025 VBS Volunteer Helpers:** Meagan Arthur, Sabrina Porter, Sherri King, Barry King, Sherry Bishop, Ashley Johnson, Ann Rhudy, Penny Kanney, Priscilla Rollins, Karen Poff, Patsy Sparks, Gary Sparks, Brad DeGeorge, Henry Rust